## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Senate Committee Hearing on Information Sharing and Protection

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Yesterday, I testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee <a href="hearing">hearing</a> [4], ?Information Sharing in the Era of WikiLeaks: Balancing Collaboration and Security.?

As the WikiLeaks story evolved over the past year, many voiced concerns that information sharing would suffer a setback. This hearing [4] was an opportunity to discuss the root causes as well as our efforts to accelerate and strengthen both information sharing and security.

In my opening remarks [5], I explained that the Administration is committed to improving information sharing and information protection. While complex and challenging, we do not see a conflict between these goals.

My fellow panelists, Pat Kennedy from <u>State</u> [6], Terri Takai and Tom Ferguson from <u>DoD</u> [7], and Corin Stone from <u>ODNI</u> [8], are key partners in our government-wide efforts to further strengthen information sharing and protection.

Effective information sharing and collaboration are absolutely essential to keeping the American people safe and I thank the Committee for the chance to testify.

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